TO:  Chief School Administrators  
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FROM:  David C. Hespe, Acting Commissioner  

SUBJECT:  New Jersey School Boards Association Technology for Education and Career Program  

Over the past two years, we have periodically provided information regarding opportunities for the cost-effective procurement of technology solutions for use in the classroom. Continuing in that effort, we are pleased to announce that the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) unveiled its new Technology for Education and Career program (TEC) at the recent NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is supporting the NJSBA in the ongoing development of this important program, which will provide technological tools and services for creating, establishing and sustaining the most current digital learning opportunities for students at reduced costs.

“NJSBA’s TEC will give schools the ability to save money on products they currently use, as well as the opportunity to purchase new products at discounted prices. The goal is for schools to combine their purchasing power and obtain better prices,” explained Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, executive director.

The tools and services available through NJSBA's TEC can help schools keep up with the latest in digital learning, and enhance disaster-recovery capabilities. An important aspect of NJSBA's TEC involves training in the use of the equipment and services. All companies that supply products and services through the program will also provide the appropriate professional development to schools. Through the TEC schools should realize a reduction in technology expenses, which would give them the flexibility to invest more funds back into the classroom to enhance student learning and improve student achievement.

NJDOE encourages you to review the products and services now available from NJSBA. They include solutions for media repositories, streaming video, server virtualization, application optimization, IT infrastructure and other important technology products and services.

Also, please note that NJSBA will host its second annual technology conference on Friday, February 21. The program will include a keynote kickoff speaker, morning and afternoon breakout sessions, and an interactive networking lunch.
For more information about NJSBA’s TEC program or February 21 technology conference, please contact Jo Ann Dempsey at 609-278-5249, or jadempsey@njsba.org. You can also visit the NJSBA TEC informational Web page at http://www.njsba.org/savings/tec.